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Thousand Island HOUSE

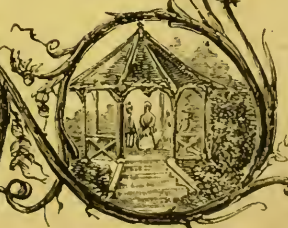
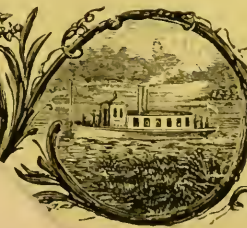
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The Thousand Island House.

— SEASON OF 1884. —

THE HOTEL has been entirely remodeled in its *cuisine* departments; very largely refurnished; steam heat has been introduced in the dining-room, parlors, rotundas and passages, and it is the intention to make it outrank, in point of equipment and elegance, any Summer Resort Hotel on the St. Lawrence. The drainage system is entirely new and perfect.

The House will be under the management of Mr. JAS. C. MATTHEWS, late of the United States Hotel, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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The salubrity of the climate, with its cool and bracing river breezes, the superb quality of its scenery, its peerless fishing grounds, with boats of all kinds, combined with the sumptuous accommodations of THE THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, make it the most delightful inland resort in the northern regions of New York. The demand of the public has been for a first-class hotel in this section, and with the improvements and changes above mentioned, that object will be attained.

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J. N. SMITH,
HON. PETER MITCHELL,
WILLIAM STEVENS,
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EUGENE BLACKFORD.

Introduction.



IT is indeed a good thing that a means of supply is given us for every real need, that as the seasons roll round with their ceaseless changes, the genius of man is constantly devising means of meeting and filling the need of the hour, and so making, not only the waste places of the earth, but of men's souls also, to "blossom as the rose." Perhaps the past century, which has witnessed the civilization of our own "Goodly Countree" and has developed and taxed the energies of her people to the utmost, has not known a greater need than this one of rest and recreation for body and mind during some portion of each year in order that their work may not prove an overtax, and they suddenly find themselves, while yet in the prime of life and apparent health, stricken down and out of their places, and "be known there no more forever." Often the men so stricken are such as we can ill spare; their places are not easily filled, and a means provided which will sustain and prolong their usefulness is a priceless boon. Such means are at hand; we have only to avail ourselves of the benefits to be gained thereby. Not least among the many retreats offered for this purpose is the Thousand Islands. It is identified with many scenes of the earliest history of our country, and though it is only recently its peculiar beauty and fitness as a resting place "amid the toil of the years" has become generally known to the people, yet, since the story has been told, its success has been almost unparalleled, and from East, West, North and South, its praises are sounded by those who have been made glad by its beauty, rested in its serene quiet, and so been restored to the glad fullness of useful living. Please read the attempt at a description we give you—it is only an attempt; the beauty of this place can only be realized by an actual visit, which, we trust, this little book may prove an incentive to you to undertake.

A GUIDE FOR PLEASURE-SEEKERS.

The Thousand Islands

AND

—☉ THE THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE. ☉—

IN writing at this time upon any public summer resort, it is, probably, almost unnecessary to speak of the leap into popularity and extensive patronage enjoyed by many well-known localities in the past three or four years. Men who, previous to that time, had dragged on year after year through twelve months of incessant toil, ruining themselves physically, and often, as a consequence, financially, have learned, myriads of them, how immensely profitable it is to them in every sense to *rest*. These thousands of men have at the same time learned that they may, while recuperating their worn-out energies, enjoy themselves amid the grandest beauties of Nature's handiwork; may build up wasted energies in the sports for which are provided fish and bird and beast, and go back to their labors after a period of such relaxation, better, stronger and happier people. In short, sensible men are coming to realize that in order to enjoy a vacation from labor, it is not necessary to turn it into a vacation of dissipation.

There has been of late years a great annual increase in the numbers of those who saw the wisdom of laying down their burdens for a time, with the assurance that when again taken up it would be with renewed energy, through which they might not only accomplish more of their accustomed labor, but would at the same time add to the term of their lives. But last year this idea seemed to have become epidemic; indeed, it was almost a mania, and that man or

family had to be either in very humble circumstances, or else very tightly bound by the ties of labor, who did not, at least for a brief period, fly to the woods and the lakes, the mountains and the streams, the seashore and the rural home, to breathe in from Nature's own scenes new powers for the future.

For these reasons it is now a common topic around the family hearth, through the winter and spring, to decide what will be done for enjoyment during the regular summer respite. This question is now-a-days not so difficult to decide as it was a few years ago. The matchless beauty of the scenery of the Thousand Islands and the St. Lawrence River, its wonderful resources as a sporting locality, and the deserved popularity of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, (over twelve thousand guests registered there during the season of 1882), are now so well known throughout the whole country that it needs little discussion to turn the faces of all seekers after rest, health and recreation in that direction. It is now the popular Mecca for thousands of all classes of people, the numbers of whom are yearly increasing—people who seek the locality where they may spend any length of time amid the most romantic scenery on the continent, enjoy the most exciting sport, and at the same time secure any degree of comfort, from a tent on a wild island to a sumptuous room in the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, one of the finest and most complete hotels to be found anywhere.

Of course, in selecting a summer resort, the first attribute should be its health-giving attractions. That the St. Lawrence River, especially in the vicinity of the Thousand Islands, possesses these in an eminent degree, will be seen by the following comments from the pen of an able writer, who has spent many summers there:

"The air is light, dry and mellow, and is adapted to the constitution of almost every one, producing a kind of peace-with-all-the-world feeling, and endowing one with a new and wondrous activity. Fogs rarely occur here, and you can remain day and night out of doors without peril to health. Neither is the night atmosphere damp and heavy, as it is near the sea-shore and at many of the inland resorts; it is generally with tardy steps that one withdraws indoors at meal time or for the night.

"Many a time have we, after retiring to our bed, opened the blinds and windows of our room so as to obtain one more view of Nature in her evening dress before closing our eyes for the night.

Our room commanded a prolonged view of the river. A delicate breeze would be rippling the waters, which, through the mingled light of moon and stars, looked like countless spangles of silver. The islands across the channel threw their black shadows upon the scene, from out of the darkness of which peered here and there the light of some islander, who, like ourselves, was loth to go to bed. Then a strain of music would be heard coming from some happy craft, far enough away to prevent all discord, and permit only the harmony to reach our ears. And then, with such soothing strains filling our soul, with all serene without, Nature's sweet restorer, sleep, would steal away our senses."

In a little book like this, no adequate description of the scenery and principal points of interest in this favored locality can be given, but aided by the artist, who has given us some accurate and beautiful illustrations, we may interest every one who is turning in that direction for rest and recreation the coming summer, and in the minds of all who have heretofore enjoyed the advantages of the place, awaken tender memories of pleasant hours.

To the new comer to this Paradise of America, the noble St. Lawrence seems not at all like a river, but like a great lake, spreading out to miles in breadth, and extending nearly twenty miles in length, much of which, especially in the vicinity of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, is thickly studded with the most enchanting islands, wooded and cleared. The Indians, in their rude but poetic natures, called this locality "Manatoana," or Garden of the Great Spirit, and the name would seem to have been a most appropriate one, as applied to the spot when Nature ruled alone; when every island was a miniature forest: when the wild deer made their homes in the island depths, and swam from point to point, and each secluded bay, nestling among the hills and bluffs, teemed with fowl that were never disturbed by harsh words, it was emphatically a garden in the wilderness.

Even at this day there are hundreds of places, wild and solitary as in the primeval days, among which glides one's boat, while its occupant lies gloriously indolent, his free thought roaming through the land of the beautiful; little watery nooks, where the health-imparting, resinous odors of the evergreens fill the gratified nostrils, and the whispers of Nature's mystic life serve but to make the solitude more blissful. All this within a few strokes of the oar of the magnificent hotel, of which more will be said.

One of these enchanting scenes is found in the beautiful, placid bit of water known as the Lake of the Isle, which sleeps among the piney hills of Wells Island, reflecting their outlines in its still depths. The inlet to this little gem, which is depicted by the artist, is so narrow, that one may easily cast a stone across it. When one's boat is propelled through this channel, all appearance of outlet or inlet disappears; the shores seem an unbroken line, and here the explorer is protected alike from wind and current; the surface of the clear water is unbroken save by two or three emerald islands. This little lake within a great river is fair and peaceful as an artist's dream, and is a place of popular resort.



INLET TO THE LAKE.

THOUSAND ISLAND SCENERY.

AFTER the heat and dust of railway travel, coming into view of the noble St. Lawrence, you find a beautiful steamer lying there waiting to bear its burden of tired travelers away from this discomfort, out into the delicious coolness and cleanliness of the open river; as you glide through scenery suggestive at every point of exquisite beauty and romance, if you do not say, as was said of the wise king of old, "The half has not been told," then indeed it will be hard to meet with your approval. Soon your steamer passes in among the islands, and the bright sunlight falls upon the clear, pale, emerald waters, which in turn reflect back the islets it bears upon its surface, revealing successively their vales, glens or heights in all their sylvan or rugged beauty; or, if your journey be made at the mystic hour of twilight, you can easily imagine yourself in some enchanted place; fairy boats glide hither and thither, freighted with happy groups; the gay voices ring out with laughter or a snatch of song; and on you go past the minor points, till, as evening falls, and lights begin to twinkle like glow-worms upon either side as you emerge from the shadow of some obstruction the brilliant light of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE bursts upon your view, with the many lesser ones of the village of Alexandria Bay lying behind. Faint notes of music tremble upon the air; as you approach nearer you distinguish the full tones of the band. The steamer proudly curves its way up to the wharf, and you have arrived at the headquarters of what you will discover, with the light of the morrow's sun, to combine elements of beauty and romance without a peer. Of the Islands one of the principal is

WELLS ISLAND.

This is nine miles in length, and averages one and a-half in width. Its upper portion, known as the "Thousand Island Park," has been carefully laid out in streets and lots; these last have been sold, and many elegant cottages built upon them. There are several public buildings used as stores and boarding-houses; these are again supplemented by the "gleaming tents of the campers" and the large Tabernacle, in which is held the summer meetings and which brings to this point some of the finest talent in our land. This island is within easy rowing dis-

tance of the central point of which we write. The lower portion of the island lies directly in front of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, and is known as "Westminster Park." Here are also beautiful cottages and conveniences for camping, while the views from this point of the entire group of islands is very fine. Separated by a narrow passage from the eastern end of Wells Island is Mary Island, which is connected with the former by a rustic bridge. It is an oval-shaped body of land, rising from the water to an elevation similar to that of its larger neighbor.



BONNIE CASTLE.

On a projecting bluff, in full view of the HOTEL, is Dr. J. G. Holland's* elegant summer home, "Bonnie Castle," which the family occupy each year from May till October.

* Dr. Holland came here years ago an invalid, and he attributed the prolongation of his life by many years to the salubrity of this river locality, the tonic effect of pure air and water, and the health-inspiring and vigor-imparting effects these produce on the over-worked physical and nervous systems of men. He seemed ever thankful that he had found so healthful, so pleasant, and yet inspiring a region for a summer habitation. He never wearied of its praise and always regretted the close of the season of open-air delights on the beautiful waters of the St. Lawrence. His memory will long be cherished by all who knew him, as will his liberal benefactions toward the up-building of the intellectual, literary and social tone of society at the Bay.

CARLETON ISLAND.

A few miles above the Bay is another of the more prominent islands, as above named: at the upper extremity of this island the land narrows into a rugged promontory, ending in a bluff sixty feet in height. Here, lifting their ruined heads aloft and plainly visible to all passers along the river, stand a number of toppling and half-ruined chimneys. They may be seen for miles around. So long have these old sentinels watched

over the scenes around them, their history is lost in the past. Around them are the ruins of an old fort, supposed to be the ruins of old Fort Frontenac. Around its redoubts and parapets linger antiquated historical legends and traditions enough to fill a volume and form an interesting study. An ancient well,

cut in the solid Trenton limestone, has been converted by the imagination of the natives into a receptacle of the golden



RUINS OF OLD FORT.

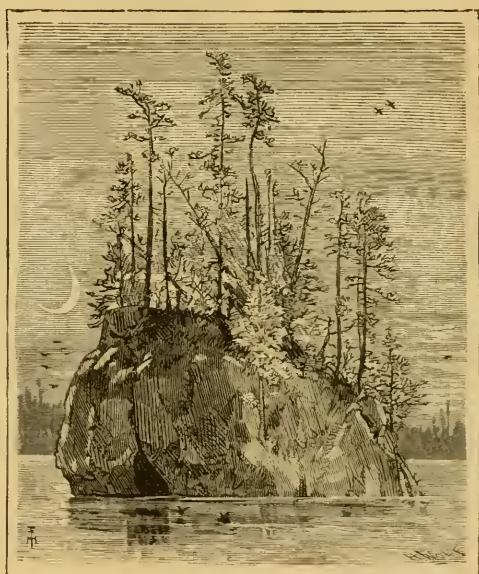


doubloons which the French soldiers, upon evacuating the old fort, are said to have thrown there with the brass guns on top of them. Upon either side and immediately in front of the bluff upon which the old fort stands, is a quiet, pretty little bay, which may once have supplied a safe and easy anchorage for the vessels which lay under its protecting guns. The fortress is supposed to have been one of importance as a military fort at some time, having been built upon

an excellent plan and in the most substantial manner. Numbers of graves still occupy a field near by—the remains of the brave soldiers who once occupied the fort. The scene is of deep interest to the student of history.

Another of the interesting points of attraction among the American islands is the Devil's Oven—a great and nearly cubical block of granite, symmetrical enough to have been cut with human hands, its summit topped by a half-famished growth of ragged cedars, while in one of its sides is excavated an almost circular opening which bears a resemblance to a great oven ; this place has also its legend, which any of the river dwellers can relate to you.

Of course there are hundreds of other islands, capes, bays and various points of interest, all of which will be well worth a visit from the tourist. Together they contribute to make the grand scenery of the Thousand Islands, which has given the locality a fame that is not confined to America, even. Many of these island have been purchased by private parties and have been built upon and improved for summer residences. Some of these islands are so small the owners can throw a fly from the front door of their dwellings to the bass they can plainly see in the clear water, which is never disturbed by a freshet.



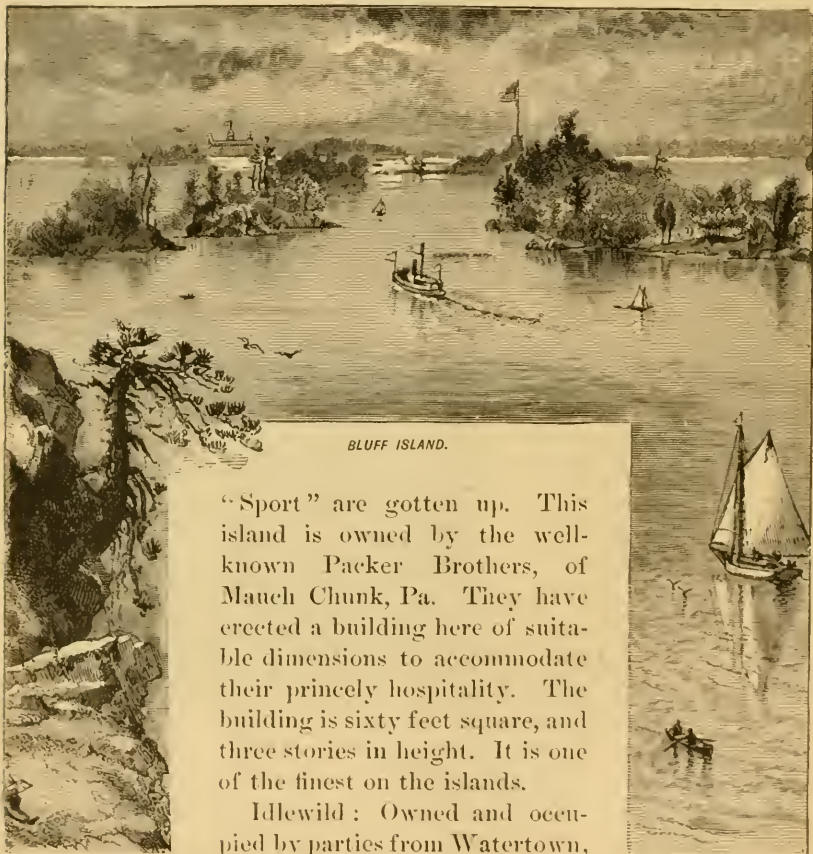
DEVIL'S OVEN.

BLUFF ISLAND.

Among these many points of interest is the splendid water view from Bluff Island, which the artist has so perfectly portrayed. From these bold, rugged rocks, which rise perpendicularly to a hundred feet above the water, a view is obtained which one may travel the continent to excel. A score of islands dot the wide expanse of water be.

fore you, among which, going and coming, may be seen dozens of water craft of every kind. Away in the distance is seen the front of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE.

Acadia : Owned by S. A. Briggs, of Chicago, is a fine locality, but somewhat overshadowed by the scale in which improvements of



BLUFF ISLAND.

“Sport” are gotten up. This island is owned by the well-known Packer Brothers, of Mauch Chunk, Pa. They have erected a building here of suitable dimensions to accommodate their princely hospitality. The building is sixty feet square, and three stories in height. It is one of the finest on the islands.

Idlewild : Owned and occupied by parties from Watertown, N. Y., takes high rank among

the island beauties. Then comes Deer Island, of some twenty-five acres in extent, owned by S. Miller, of Rochester, N. Y., a beautiful spot, suitable for several residences.

A glance at Manhattan, owned and occupied by Judge J. C. Spencer, of New York, will repay us, as it is one of the most beau-

tiful in the entire collection. Wm. G. Deshler, of Columbus, Ohio, owns a fine island bearing his own name, on which he has built one of the cottage gems of the St. Lawrence.

Hart's Island next claims our attention, and is one of the finest of the group. It contains a splendid residence, which is in plain



AN ISLAND VISTA.

view from the veranda of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE. It is a Swiss cottage, 60 by 70 feet in size, with a tower rising 85 feet above the river. Its cost was about \$12,000, and is owned by Hon. E. K. Hart, of Albion, N. Y.

Just above is "Maud," owned by Dr. Lewis, of Watertown, N. Y. "Titusville," "Friendly," "Nobby," and "Welcome" islands compose a fine group, all of which are in view from the front of the hotel.

Many others of these islands have been purchased and more or less improved, nearly every islander owning, besides his row-boats, a small steam yacht. These, plying to and fro between the islands and the mainland, give a very animated appearance to this "woodland city of waters," to which the name of "Venice of America" has not been inappropriately applied.

During the season the beautiful little excursion steamer, "Island Wanderer," leaves the dock of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE twice daily, for a four hours' trip among the islands. Its route embraces all the most notable and beautiful points on the American and Canada sides of the river, and enables the tourist to obtain a complete "bird's-eye view" of the river and its isles, and to have enjoyed one of the most beautiful day-dreams of his life; as one has said: "To a weary man, these islands that seem to rest and float upon the placid water, form, under all lights, and in all atmospheres, a vision of peace." Life, sufficient for every moment, seems to come to us through the eye. To one who actually depends on daily work for daily satisfaction and contentment at home, there is something inexplicable in the laziness that comes over him here. Work! that is something that belongs to another stage of existence—here are idleness and indolence and dreams and vacuity alternately. But it is a good dream to dream, which we heartily commend to all the world of weary men and women.



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THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE.



SCENE ON VERANDA, THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE.

This "Great Summer Palace" and its immediate surroundings, will ever be the central point of interest to all who turn their steps hitherward. Its beautiful location, easy accessibility to the best fishing grounds of the river and islands, conspire to render it the most attractive point on the whole river. Its grand and imposing front, topped by a beautiful tower 160 feet in height ; its acres of pillared verandas, filled with joyous throngs ; hundreds of laden boats and yachts, stirring the crystal waters into waves, all create a vision not easily forgotten. The site of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE

commands many of the grandest views of the river, in both directions, that are gained from any point, while from its airy tower the eye takes in a vision which for extent and variety of scenery is rarely equaled. To those who have never been guests at this house, some statistics concerning this king of all summer-resort hotels will be interesting.

ITS DIMENSIONS.

The main building is 276 feet long and 66 feet wide ; the eastern portion is five stories high and the western four stories, this difference being occasioned by the uneven lay of the rock on which it is built. From the center of the main part, a wing of the same height and 40 feet wide, extends back 100 feet. A tower, 24x27 feet, rises 160 feet above the foundation. Under the east end is a natural cellar in the solid rock 150 feet long. Since the season of 1880, a new building has been erected, separate from the hotel, for the use of servants ; its length is 135 feet.

FIRST FLOOR.

On this floor, constituting the east-end story before mentioned, are the office, reception and reading rooms, bar-room, billiard-room with six tables, telegraph office, barber-shop, wash-room and bath-room, the whole being 100 by 50 feet.

SECOND FLOOR.

Here are the grand hall from the entrance, two reception rooms, (the largest being 40 by 50 feet,) a private dining-room, parlors, bedrooms and bath-rooms ; a hall 10 feet wide extending from end to end and opening on the veranda, and in the wing the public dining-room, 100 by 40 feet, and 27 feet high.

Each of the other floors are partitioned into parlors and comfortable rooms for guests, with halls, bath-rooms and water-closets. The elevator, Otis Bros.' make, known to be the safest in the world, runs from the first to the fifth stories of the house. Power for the elevator is supplied from one of the New York safety power engines.

WESTON LIGHT.

Electric lights are placed in the towers, halls, parlors and dining-rooms. It is also brilliantly illuminated with gas.

A GRAND PROMENADE.

The veranda, connected with the long hall on the first floor, gives

a promenade 624 feet in length, the veranda portion being 374 feet and the hall 250 feet.

THE ACCOMMODATIONS.

The hotel will accommodate about 500 guests. Those who stop here will find the rest, comfort and attention which they seek in going from city to country, and every facility will be afforded them for seeing and enjoying the rare scenery and varied amusements of the river and islands. No employees will be retained in the establishment who prove to be incompetent, negligent or discourteous. Families and parties can be accommodated with desirable suites of rooms at reasonable prices, with private dining-rooms if desired. Invalids can have fire in their rooms when wanted, and whatever else the hotel can provide in the way of special comforts and attention.

BOATS AND BOATING.

The splendid boats of Alexandria Bay have won an extended reputation. They are beautiful craft, and it is not only delightful to row among the islands and upon the smooth waters of the bay, but it is, as every one knows, a most healthful exercise. Guests of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE will find at their disposal this season more than three hundred boats, and careful and experienced boatmen can always be engaged at from two to three dollars a day.

SPORTING.

We must not omit to mention the entertainment to be found here, which is much like the Chinaman's national beverage in that it cheers but does not inebriate; gives that healthful rest which never comes so surely from entire physical inactivity as from change of scene and laying aside the routine of daily occupation for something that interests while it does not exhaust from excessive mental strain. We have both "fishing and hunting" here, as one has written. Fishing, of course. It is a good day. The water is still, and there is a thin veil of clouds in the sky. We knew it was hot elsewhere, but it is not here. We start off a merry group of boats. We row in and out among the islands and find our "ground" at three miles distance. Bass, pickerel, wall-eyed pike, muskallonge! They come from exhaustless breeding and feeding grounds and will always be here. On a lazy afternoon, we throw or troll our flies around the islands directly in front of the hotel. There are places within fifty rods where we can hardly throw a fly without getting a "rise." We see every day

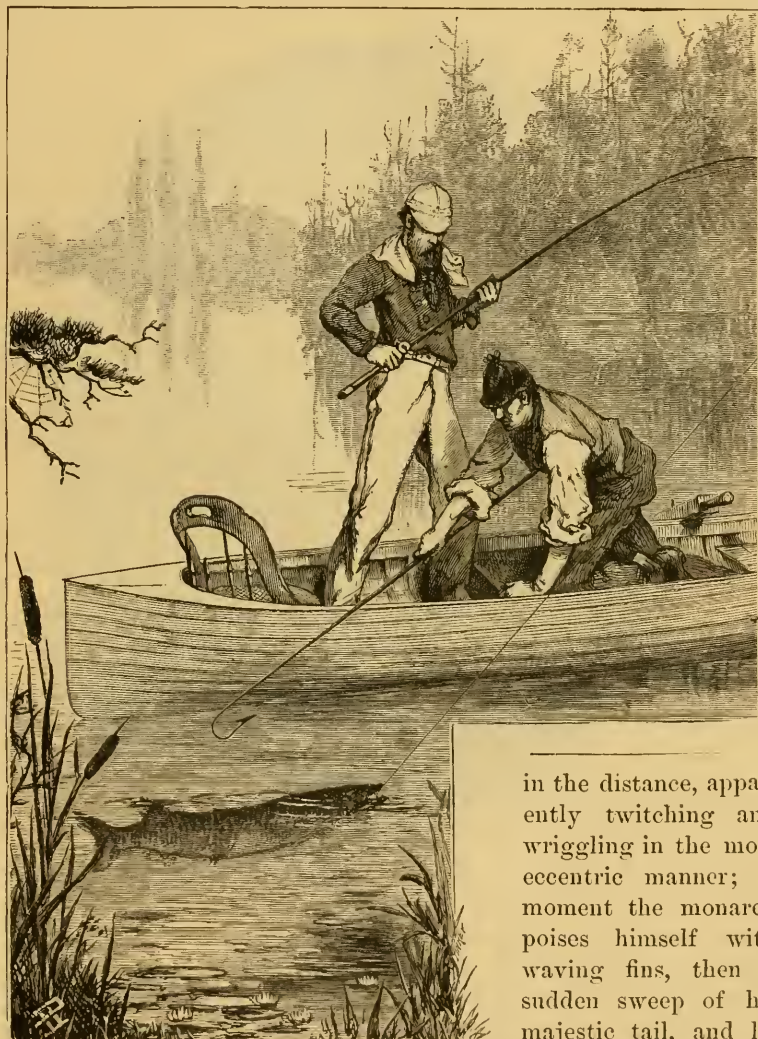


CAMPING OUT.

fine black-bass taken from the dock by waiting fishermen within the toss of a biscuit from the window where we write. Of a fishing trip down the river below Grenadier Island a literary sportsman has graphically written :

“There in the most shallow portion of the river, striped with beds of the long water-grasses, green, purple and gold, undisturbed by the turmoil and commotion of passing steamboats, the indolent pickerel lies tranquilly in the secluded tangle of his own especial retreat; or huge black bass, reaching sometimes the weight of five or six pounds, stand guard along the edge of the grass waiting for some unwary minnow or perch to pass. At intervals are spots where the savage muskallonge, the tiger of fresh-water fish, lies hidden in the water

grasses in solitary majesty. Sluggishly he lies, with his savage eyes to the right and left of him watching for his prey. He sees a minnow



CATCHING MUSKALLONGE.

in the distance, apparently twitching and wriggling in the most eccentric manner; a moment the monarch poises himself with waving fins, then a sudden sweep of his majestic tail, and he darts like a thunder-

bolt upon his intended victim. The next moment the sharp agony of the fisherman's hook is in his throat; for a moment he lies in

motionless astonishment; then as he feels the lines tighten and discovers he is indeed caught, he struggles with rage, making the waters eddy and swirl with a sweep of his powerful tail, causing the



SPEARING EELS.

rod to bend almost double. Again and again he is brought to the side of the boat, only to dart away once more, until at last, sullen and exhausted and conquered, he lies motionless in the water beside the victorious fisherman's skiff. A moment more and then the gaff strikes his side and he is landed safely in the bottom of the boat. *Hurrah! a twenty pounder!"*

In the early spring, when the shallows of Eel Bay or other sheets

of water of the same kind become free from ice, the water, not being deep, becomes warm much more quickly than elsewhere, and here the half-frozen fish congregate in great quantities. The professional fisherman in the bow of the boat holds a spear, in shape like a trident, but with an alternate sharp iron prong between each barbed shaft, the whole fixed upon a long firm handle. Immediately upon seeing a fish he darts his gig at him, fixing the barb so effectually in his victim that to strike is to capture him. Eel spearing is usually pursued in the night, not only because the water is usually more quiet than during the daytime, but also because the light of the blazing pine chunks in the jack or open brazier in the bow of the skiff makes objects on the bottom more apparent by contrast with the surrounding gloom.

There are no better trolling grounds in the country for black-bass, pickerel and muskallonge than those among these island groups of Alexandria Bay. The bass fishing is best from the 15th of July to September. The muskallonge period is between May 15th and July, although this most delicious of fresh-water fish is often caught later. Pickerel are caught all the season; that is from early summer until the middle of autumn.

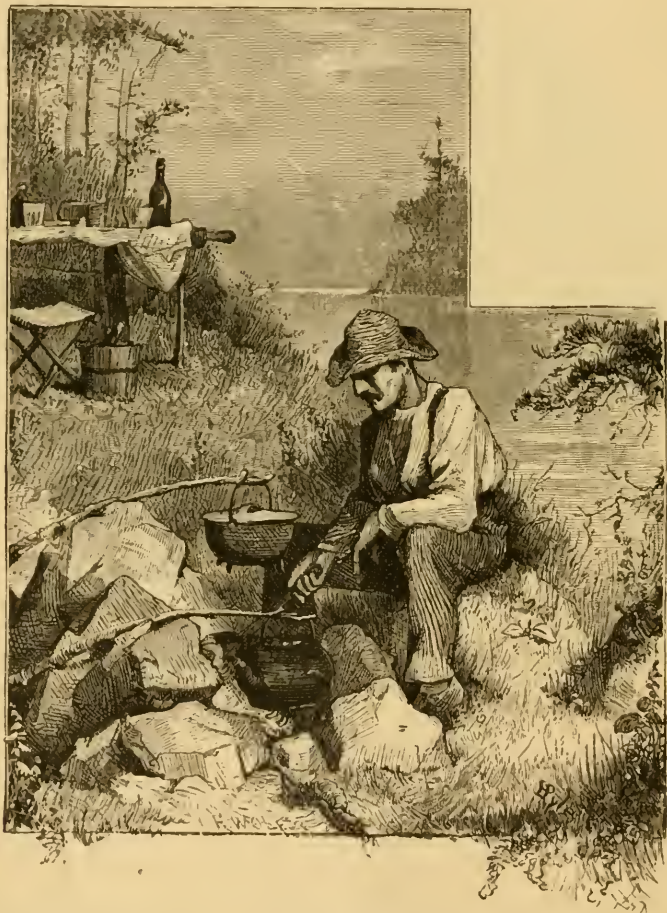
In their season the wild duck swarm in countless numbers in this region, and though not so numerous it is no uncommon thing to hear the whir-r-r of the partridge as it rises from its nesting-place at your approach.

PICNICKING.

One cannot imagine a place better designed for the complete enjoyment of picnic parties than the Thousand Islands; not a pleasant day during the season but witnesses the departure of numerous parties of this sort from the hotel or surrounding points; huge luncheon baskets filled with "good things" from the "larder" of the THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE are carried aboard the little steamers (which with their train of row boats, each with its oarsman and fishing tackle), lies puffing and panting off the dock, waiting to take on board their merry load, when they are off for the day. Ladies are always ardent lovers of this sport, and are generally very successful.

A visitor says:—"We would like to ask why an inexperienced girl, with an old, stiff rod, without a reel, and with a coarse linen line, can catch more fish and better ones than we can with a split bamboo, a silk water-proof line, and six-foot leader? This is what we would like to know. Do the fish discriminate? Do they say as

they see the rare tackle coming down to them, or reflected in the water: "There's an old fellow at the end of that rod as full of piscatorial science as an egg is of meat—a man to be avoided; but here is a girl who is innocent of bass or guiltless of pickerel?" It must be



COOKING A CAMP DINNER.

so. Plato, thou reasonest well. At any rate there is a two pound bass on the maiden's hook, and not a man has had a bite. The bass is taken in and down again goes the unsophisticated hook, plump to

the bottom, and soon, while we are trying our scientific dodges, she pulls up with a feeble struggle the handsomest three-pound bass we have seen in the river. The men try to cover their shame by generous praise of the girl! So it goes on until noon, and then we go ashore on a 'desert island,' and the guide cooks our spoils for dinner. We lie on the grass and eat our fried fish with the edibles we have brought with us, and we wash them down with the best of coffee, and, after an hour for digestion, we go for our game again. The excitements of the evening when the different parties come in with their day's catch are very delightful; and when a boat comes up or down the stream with a white flag at her prow, the excitement rises to enthusiasm. The white flag means a muskallonge!

Indeed there is scarcely any kind of innocent sport and pure enjoyment which may not be here indulged in with the most appreciative zest. Nature's most marvelous beauties and man's best works stand side by side—a condition of things always most desirable but seldom reached.

IIAY FEVER.

Those afflicted with this terrible disease should lose no time in visiting Alexandria Bay, as it is unknown here.

ROUTES, ETC.

It is now only necessary, in closing these pages, to tell the intending visitor how to best reach Alexandria Bay, which is located on the south bank of the river, twelve miles from Clayton, N. Y., thirty-six miles from Ogdensburg, and twenty-four miles from Morristown, all northern termini of the Utica and Black River Railroad. Wagner's palace sleeping-cars run through without change by this route between New York city and Clayton, leaving New York at 8:30 p. m. daily, except Saturday, breakfast at Lowville and arrive at Clayton at 10 a. m., from which point the steamer J. C. Maynard connects for this point and also again at Morristown, from whence transportation by steamer may be had twice a day. A daily line of stages also reaches the same line of railroad at Redwood.

Passengers coming from the West take the 7:10 p. m. train at Niagara Falls via the Ontario division of the R., W. & Ogdensburg R. R. which has through sleepers to Clayton, arriving there at 6 a. m., making close connections with the fine steamer "Rothesay" of the "New American Line" which reaches Alexandria Bay at 6:45 a. m.

The steamers of this line leave Alexandria Bay every morning, except Sundays, for Montreal, arriving there at 6 p. m.

Alexandria Bay is on the south side of the river, 30 miles from Cape Vincent and thirty-six from Ogdensburg, both northern termini of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad. Persons may take the sleeping car on the 6 p. m. train in New York, and breakfast in Watertown, an hour's ride by rail to Cape Vincent, and a delightful ride of three hours on the St. Lawrence brings them to the bay in time for an early dinner. The Oswego division of the R., W. & O. R. R. connects with the main line at Richland.

At Ogdensburg, also the terminus of the Northern Railroad which connects with the Vermont Central, and Northern Transit Co. and V. C. line of steamers twice a day (6 p. m. and 10 a. m.) go up the river, stopping at the Bay. The steamer "Stranger," Capt. Hanna, leaves Ogdensburg every morning for Alexandria Bay.

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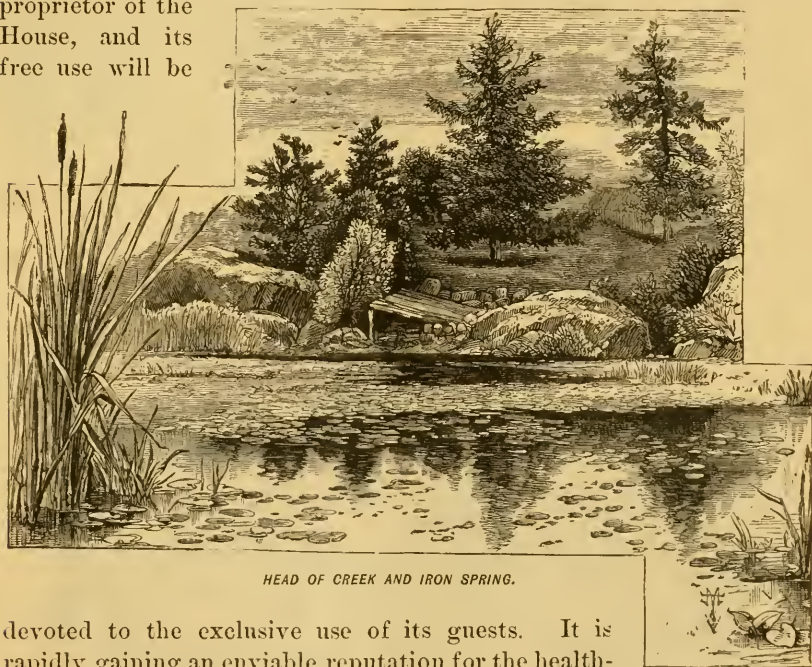
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THE MINERAL SPRING.

ANOTHER among the chief attractions offered only to guests of THE THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE is the exclusive use of a wonderful mineral spring, the surroundings of which, previous to its becoming the property of this House, are shown by the artist. This Spring has been purchased by the proprietor of the House, and its free use will be



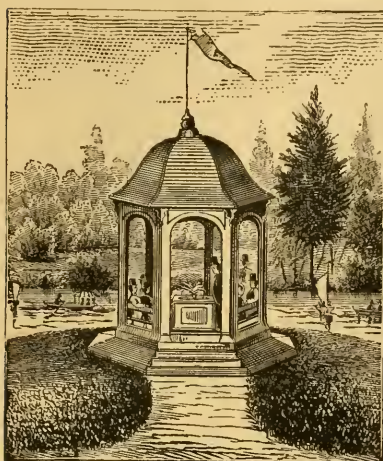
HEAD OF CREEK AND IRON SPRING.

devoted to the exclusive use of its guests. It is rapidly gaining an enviable reputation for the healthfulness of its waters, and bids fair to soon rival its more pretentious predecessors at the popular watering-places. The reputation of this Spring for health-giving properties is now fully established. Many who have partaken freely of its clear, ice-cold medicinal waters, have received permanent benefit. Its surroundings, by the expenditure of money and time, have been made more attractive. Luxuriant flowers line the banks of its outlet, while the Spring

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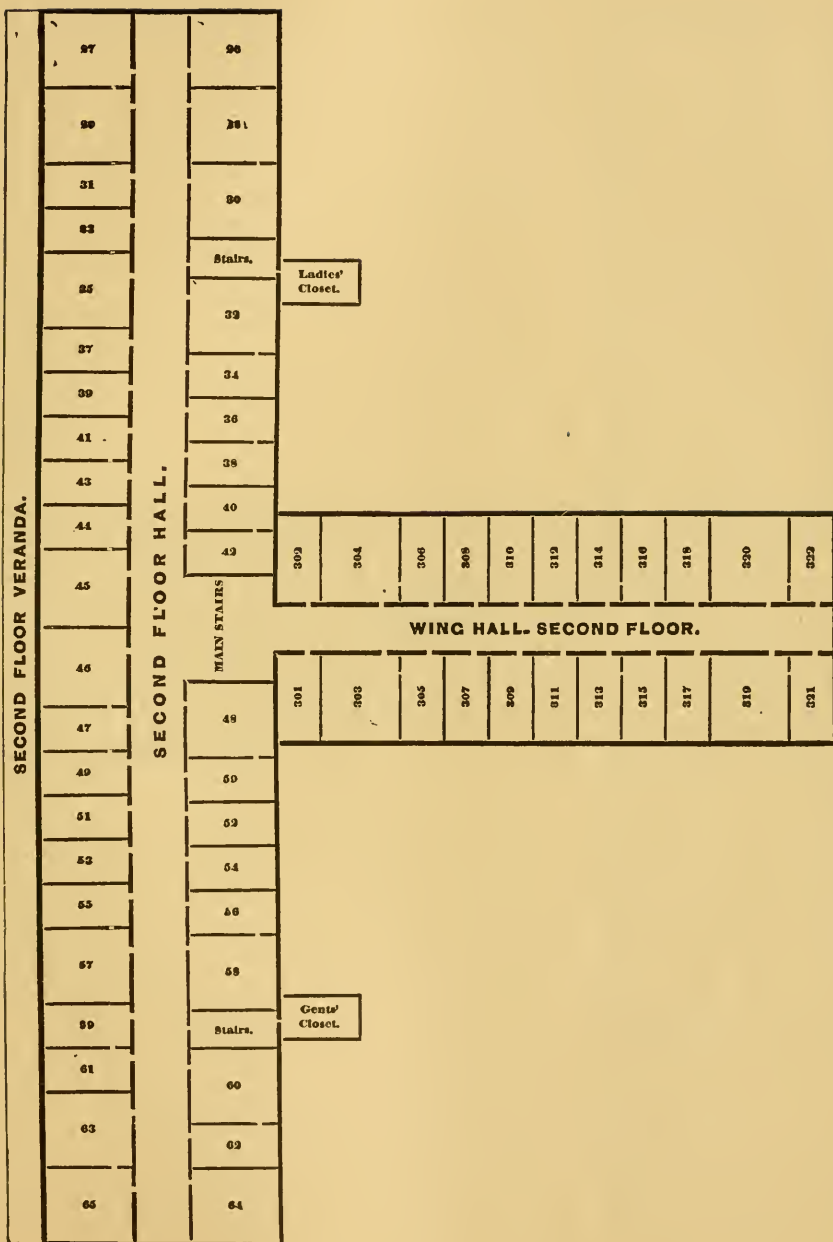


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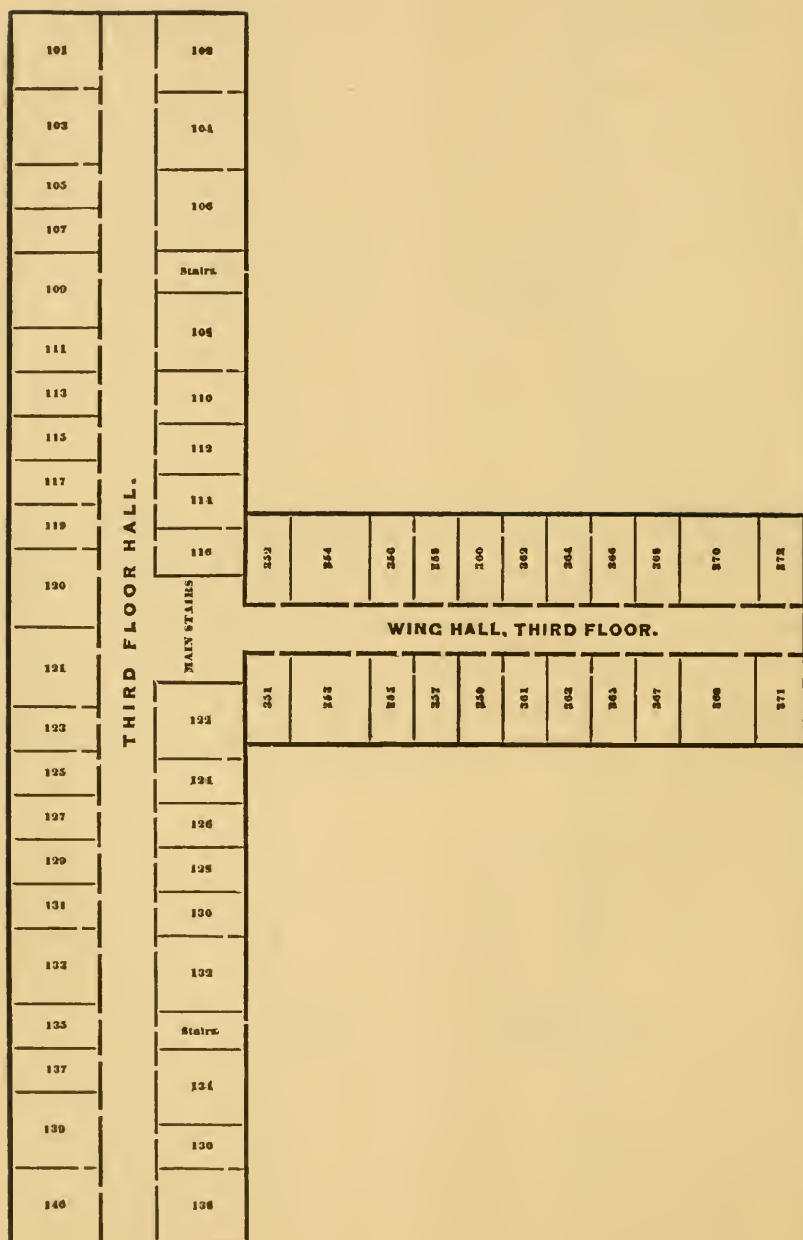


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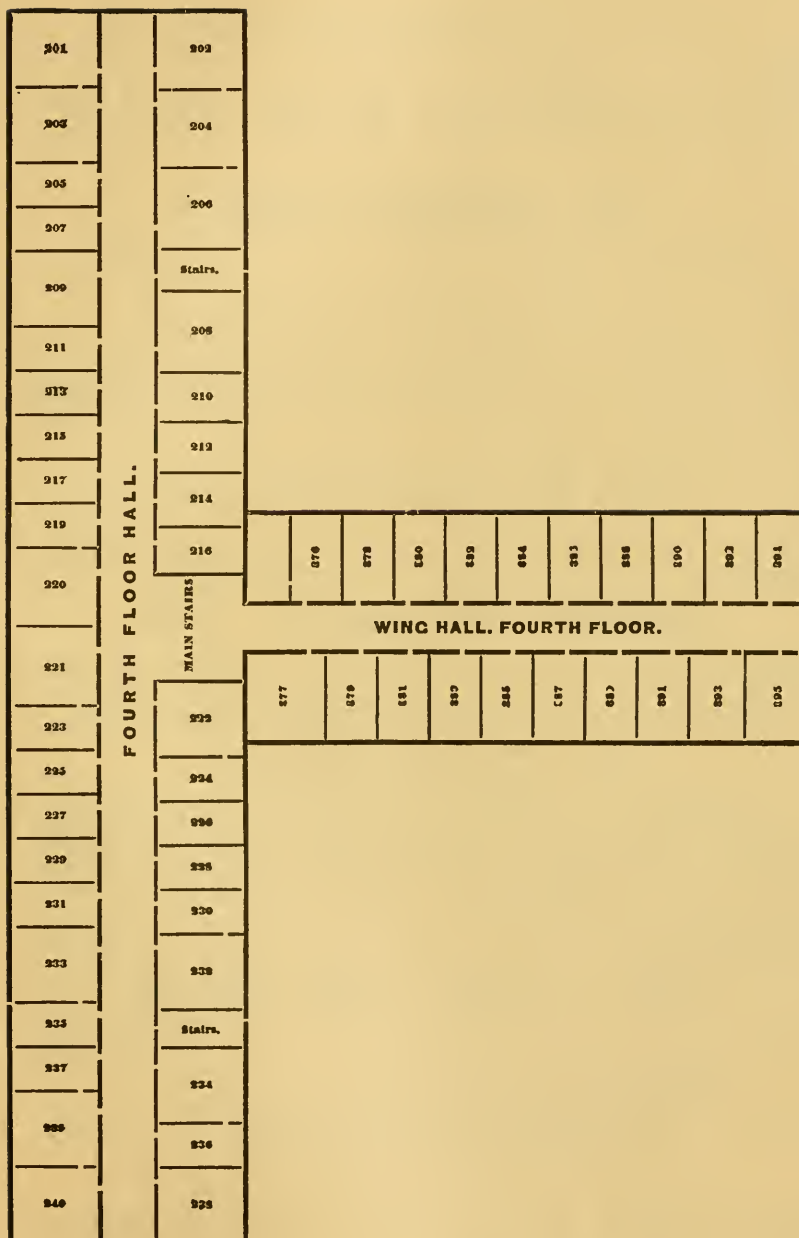


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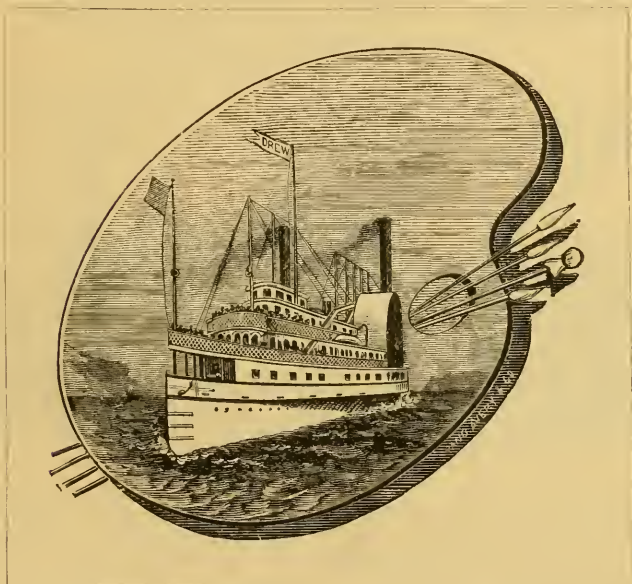
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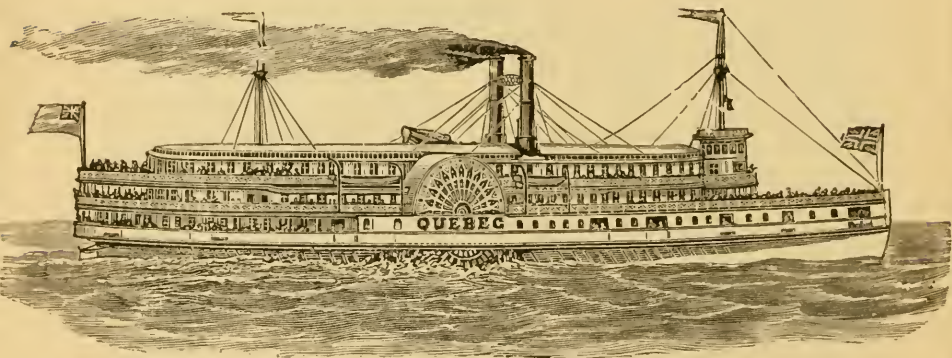
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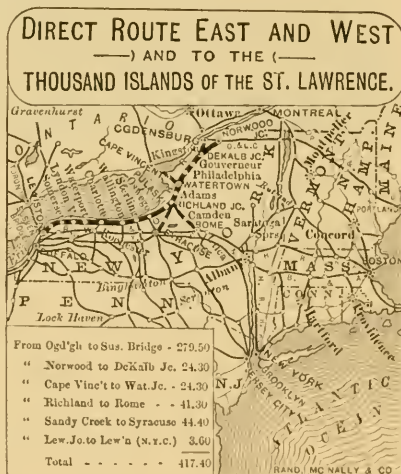
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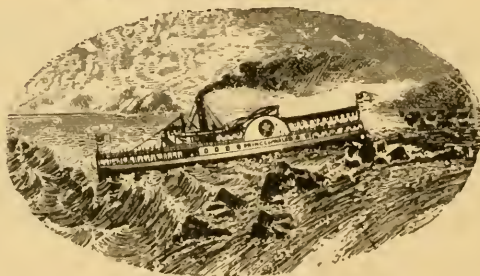
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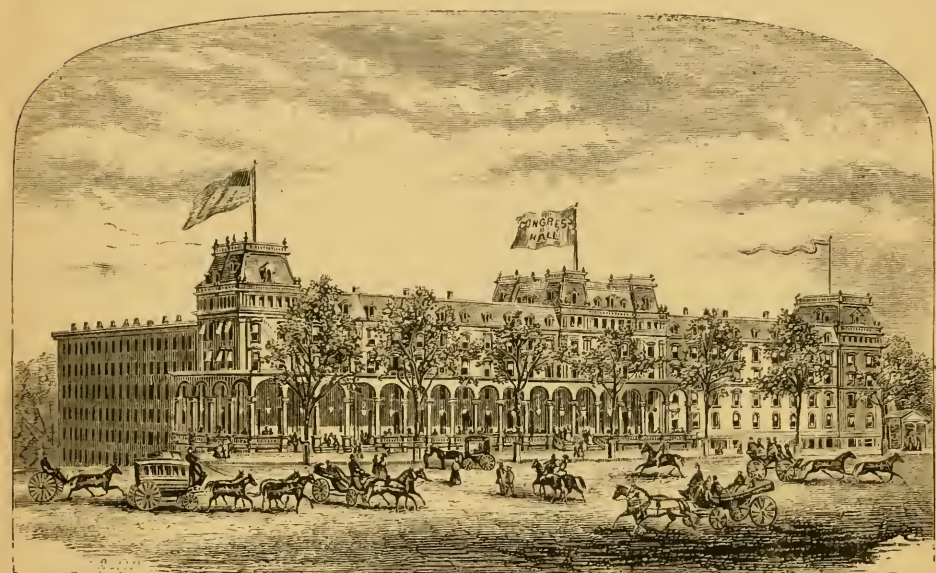
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